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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol

Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader McCarthy,

I am writing to request that the House of Representatives end the partisan January 6 Commission and instead focus its efforts in a bipartisan manner on investigating the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Several congressional hearings have already been conducted on the events surrounding January 6, and the Department of Justice is working diligently on investigating and holding accountable those who broke the law. In fact, a recent Reuters article stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has found little evidence that the violence on January 6 was coordinated by supporters of former President Trump.

I am deeply concerned that the January 6 Commission is being used in a partisan manner by the Democratic Majority. If this was a true commission with pure intent, Republicans would have been allowed to select our own members to serve, instead of having members vetoed. Americans deserve to have a Congress that works together in a bipartisan manner, not one that pits Americans against one another for political points.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the January 6 Commission be disbanded so that Congress can focus its efforts on an Afghanistan Commission to investigate America's withdrawal. From the collapse of the Afghan government to the mass chaos, violence, and death that took place in the final days of the withdrawal, the American people deserve answers on why these efforts ended in such tragedy.

Efforts are underway to establish a commission based off the model used to investigate the 9/11 terrorist attacks. I believe a commission is needed to provide a full review of our time in Afghanistan, including its tragic end and what went wrong.

The American people deserve to have a Congress that works in a bipartisan and productive way. Continuing the January 6 Commission only fuels partisanship. We must focus our time and energy on providing Americans the answers they deserve on the tragedies surrounding America's withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vicky Hartzler".

Vicky Hartzler
Member of Congress